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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY   REPORT

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COUNTRY	Germany (Russian Zone)	DATE DISTR.	24 April 1952
SUBJECT	1. Stocks of Freight Cars 2. Count of Freight Cars Available in the DDR	NO. OF PAGES	2
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1.

a. Freight Cars Operating in the Soviet Zone:

Status of Cars	Boxcars	Flatcars	Gondola Cars	Tank Cars	Refrigerator Cars	Miscellaneous Cars	Total	
Loaded	13,812	8,222	25,000	1,467 (597)	73	1,016	49,590	
Empty	7,638	6,666	17,448	2,169 (875)	200	1,782	35,903	
Operational	21,450	14,888	42,448	3,636 (1,472)	273	2,798	85,493	85,493
Damaged	2,914	1,896	5,431	166 (130)	118	379	10,904	

	Boxcars	Flatcars	Gondola	Tank	Refrigerator		Total	
Used by the SCC							372	
Cabooses							356	
Reserves	983	684	873	95	384		3,019	
Hired out							621	
Railroad service cars							2,451	
Other non-operational cars							250	
Total of non-operational cars							17,973	17,973
Grand Total								103,466 (1)

b. Freight cars operating abroad:

Boxcars   2,530
Gondola cars   2,694

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Miscellaneous cars   806

Total   6,030

c. Foreign cars operating in the Soviet Zone:

Poland	1,976
Czechoslovakia	1,853
Western Germany	2,280
Other foreign countries	219
Total	6,328 (2)

2. a. Two decrees issued by the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, and the Berlin regional railroad headquarters, on 14 and 17 January 1952 respectively, indicate that a thorough count of all freight cars in the Soviet Zone was to be made during the period from 4 through 7 February 1952. All freight cars available in the Soviet Zone on the days of count, irrespective of ownership, were to be recorded. Freight cars operating abroad during the days of count will be recorded by 19 February at the Soviet Zone border crossing points when the cars return to the Zone. (3)

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b. [   ] the SCC has given permission for German railroad personnel to enter Soviet installations in connection with the recording of rolling stock.

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Comments.

(1) In the count made on 13 November 1951, there was a total of 101,464 freight cars. All the counts of rolling stock available in the Soviet Zone of Germany were only approximate because of double recording caused by the continuous circulation of freight cars and because cars operating abroad on the day of count were not recorded at all.

(2) The number of foreign cars operating in the Soviet Zone fluctuates. On 13 November 1951, a total of 8,636 such cars was counted.

(3) Contrary to the counting procedure mentioned in paragraph 1 of the report, this stock taking will be the first to result in absolutely reliable figures on the number of freight cars operating in the Soviet Zone and will also furnish information on the composition and status of the park of operational freight cars.